







Tape drive and tape cassette therefor

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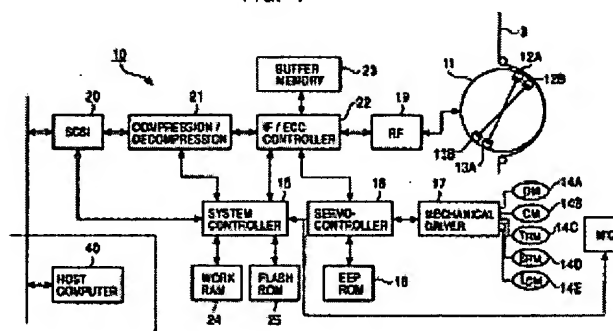
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Abstract of EP0987710

A tape drive includes a tape-drive unit for recording or reproducing data on or from a magnetic tape when a tape cassette including the magnetic tape is loaded, a memory-drive unit in which when the loaded tape cassette includes a memory for recording management information for managing recording to or reproduction from the magnetic tape, the memory-drive unit reads or writes the management information from or into the memory, and an accumulative-record-information recording unit for recording, in the memory, accumulative record information updated in accordance with the operation of recording or reproduction, by using the time of the first initialization on the tape cassette as a starting point, regardless of subsequent initializations.

FIG. 1



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